Docket No.: 43890-537 PATENT

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Mitsuo YASUNOBU

Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:

Filed: August 30, 2001 : Examiner:

For: FACSIMILE APPARATUS

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) The facsimile apparatus of claim 1, wherein the memory card is a memory card with copyright protection function.

#### REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 15 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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# MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) The facsimile apparatus of <u>claim 1</u> [any one of claims 1 to 14], wherein the memory card is a memory card with copyright protection function.